(vii) Almost all the news coverage and analysis of the Textile agreement in the media. In the various newspapers and magazines, including those which had gone to the depth of the issues, and the editorials were generally very positive and appreciative of the agreements and felt that these were in India's interest.

Requirement and production of yarn

144. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the annual requirement of yarn in the domestic market in our country during the last three years;

(b) what was the total production of yarn during the same period;

(c) whether it is a fact that the price of the yarn increased incessantly due to more export without considering the domestic demand;

(d) if not, whether the demand in the local market became very acute because of hoarding; and

(e) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government to unearth the boarding?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKATSWAMY): (a) The estimated consumption of cotton and other yarn during the last three years was as under:

(Consumption in MN.KG.)

Years	Cotton Yarn	Other Yarns (Filament yarn and other spun yarn)
1991-92 .	1325.83	631.13
1992-93 .	1384.84	663.35
1993-94 .	1464.91	794.20

(b) The production of cotton ar other yarns during the last thr years was as under:

(Production of yarn in MN.KC

Year	Cotton Yarn	Other Yarr (Filament ya and other sp yarn)
1991-92	1450.40	650.:
1992-93 .	1523.06	706.1
1993-94 .	1622.41	832.4

(c) No, Sir. The export quota i the current year has even been duced.

(d) and (e) There are not report hoarding of yarn. To ensure norm supply of cotton and cotton yarn t Government have taken followi steps:

(i) Prescribing the stock lim of cotton stock held by mills, T ders, Ginning and Pressing Un and initiating action against c faulters.

(ii) Directing the traders of ya to display the stocks and prices their premises.

(iii) Constant monitoring of t prices of yarn and cotton.

INTRODUCTION OF MINISTER —Contd.

12.00 NOON

THE LEADER OF THE HOU (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): Sir, I h. great pleasure in introducing Minister, Shri Buta Singhji, in cha of Civil Supplies.

[**The Deputy Chairman** in Chair].